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GERMANS UNABLE TO BREAK FRENCH LINE

Engaged in One of the Greatest Battles of the War Around the Fortress of Verdun

FRENCH COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW THEIR WINGS

Teutons Are Inspired by the Presence of Their Emperor and Are Led by the German Crown Prince, Frederick William-Germans Are Forcing the Fighting, Seemingly Regardless of the Cost of Life-French Guns Have Answered the German Guns Shell for Shell, and the Casualties on Both Sides Are Very Great-On the Russian Front There Have Been Engagements From the Riga Region to East Galicia, With No Great Results.

Inspired by the presence of their scribes the battlefield between the emperor, and led by Crown Prince Meuse and Ornes as piled with German frederick William, the German troops dead. Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the front centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack has succeeded attack against the French line after bombardments, incressant and terrific, continuing for several days.

In Champagne at several points and in the Argonne forest German works in the French guns, while in Lorraine the French repulsed a German reconnoitering party which attempted to capture a French post north of St. Martin.

While the Germans have not been able, despite the rain of shells and anie, despite the rain of shells and furious onslaughts by the infantry, to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress.

Intensity of Artillery Fire.

Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been any diminution in the intensity of the artiflery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Samougneux and the wooded sections north and northeast of Beaumont in their possession, the Germans from the Meuse eastward to Fromezey are forcing the fighting, seemingly regardless of the cost of life.

French Answer Germans Shell for Shell The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the castalfies on both sides are very great. The French official report de-

PLEDGING STATE DELEGATION

PRESENT NO TIME FOR

have never been too proud to

Thanks for Congratulations on Erze-

great country to use might and main in its service. I was very glad to ob-serve this yesterday, on the occasion

of my visit to the duma, for the fruit-fulness of whose labors I joined you in prayer with intense satisfaction."

A GREAT NORTHERN FREIGHT

to be Austrians.

Emperor Nicholas has left for the

with cheers by the entire dur

SENT BY THE CZAR

MESSAGE TO DUMA

On the Russian Front.

On the Russian front from the Riga region to East Galicia there have been engagements at various points, but no great results have been attained by either side. In the Caucasus, Petrograd reports that the Russians continue successfully to press back the Turks. The usual activities by the Austro-Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian lines continue,

French Air Squadron Drops Bombs. A French air squadron has dropped large number of bombs on the outskirts of Metz, a big fire being observed after the attack. Official announcement has been made

in the Japanese diet by the minister of foreign affairs that Japan does not in-tend to send troops to aid the Rus-

SOFT COAL MINERS. Gov. McCall Told Diners at the Bris- Prospects Are Bright For an Early

New Bedford, Mass. Feb 24 - Cov-New York, Feb. 24,-Prospects for an early agreement on a new wage ernor McCall told the diners at the Bristol County Republican banquet to- scale for the soft coal fields of night that he believed the present to be Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were pronounced much brighter today after the adjournment no time for pledging a delegation from this state to the Chicago convention. "The man who seems a strong can-didate today," he added, "may be weak in June. The times are so kaleido-scopic each day a new international of the resumed conference of operators and organized mine workers from those states. The miners, it was learned, have been given to under-stand that they may look for con-cessions with regards to the mine run crisis is likely to come up and I doubt if we as individual republicans, should want at thi stime to commit the con-vention in June to any particular candemand which has deadlocked the demand which has deadlocked the mine owners and their employes for two weeks. No direct offer two weeks. didate. Whatever our personal wish may be it must be treated merely as nearly two weeks. No direct offer has yet been made but sufficient intiof mation has been given the miners of is the intention of the operators to make aspiration, for not the wish of arch, but the judgment of June is them feel confident that a four state uncoupled the baggage and mail cars a new overcoat, wage scale will be agreed upon be- and compelled the engine crew to hail The old prisone fore the New York conference ends, the two cars up the track into a with the German The governor, who has already an nounced himself as an unpledged can-didate at the primaries for delegate-

When the joint conference resumed its deliberations today after a recess of a week, the while question of wage at-large in opposition to a Roose-velt-pledged delegation, prefaced his remarks by saying that he had no inscale was again referred to the sub-committee which immediately contin-ued its discussion of the mine run detention of alluding to the subject at all, but he understood that it had been announced that he would do so. "I announced that he would do so. "I mand. The miners told their employ-am inclined to think," he continued, ers they wanted the run of mine symtem not as a matter of policy, but as a matter of dollars and cents; that they desired to be paid for every pound "that the less of discussion there is for the present at least, the better, I fight I of coal they produced.

when fighting was necessary, but I have endeavored usually to secure what I believed was proper action through common counsel with those who differed from me." WARNED OF PLOT TO BLOW UP A BLUE FUNNEL LINER Seattle City Authorities Doubled

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.-Dock own Thanks for Congratulations on Erzerum's Fall—He Returns to Front.

Petrograd, Feb. 23, via London, Feb. 24.—The president of the duma, during yesterday's session, read the following telegram addressed by Emperor Nicholas to the duma:

"I cordially thank the members of the duma for the congratulations which they sent me on the occasion of the capture of Erzerum. I believe with you that this fresh exploit of the army of the Congratulation of the capture of Erzerum. I believe with you that this fresh exploit of the army ing the liner. ers and operators were warned today

Guards at Certain Piers.

you that this fresh exploit of the army of the Caucasus will be of importance in leading to the final triumph of our arms, a token of which I see in the eagerness of all the children of our \$9,000 WORTH OF FEATHERS ARE TO BE DESTROYED Taken From Abraham Kallman on th

Charge of Smuggling.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 24,-Nearly rayer with intense satisfaction." thousand bird of paradise feathers value at \$9,000, which the government recovered at Laredo after making a charge of smuggling against Abraham Kallman, of New York, will be detroyed, District Attorney Green said

Kallman was released Tuesday on ATTACKED IN TACOMA, \$5,000 bond after a hearing before the nited States commissioner at La-By Half a Dozen or More Men Said redo.

HAD SET FIRE TO THIRTY APARTMENT HOUSES

Tacoma, Washn, Feb. 24,-A Great Northern freight train leaded with autemobiles and war supplies for ship-Joseph Putter, 20, of New York, Sent ment to Russia was attacked today in to Elmira Reformatory. the Union freight yards by a haif doz-en or more men said to be Austrians. A pitched battle between the at-New York, Feb. 24.-Joseph Putter. 20 years old, pleaded guilty today to having set fire to thirty apartment houses in the East Side during the tackers and the trainmen occurred after the air hose had been cut in five

service examination.

Movements of Steamships. Rotterdam, Feb. 23,-Salled, steamer Rotterdam, New York,

places between the cars and the train cut in four sections. Two of the men

Cabled Paragraphs

to Japanese Troops to Assist Russia. Tokio, Feb. 24.—The foreign minister, Baron Ishii, denied in the diet to-day that Japan intends to send troops to the assistance of Russia.

MAN ARRESTED AT TAMPA

BELIEVED TO BE LYMAN Who is Wanted in New York for Al leged Defalcations of More Than \$300,000.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 24.—A man answering the description of J. Grant Lyman, wanted in New Yorg for alleged defalcations of more than \$300,000, was arrested late today on a yacht at St. Petersburg, Fla. He declined to answer questions as to his identity. The man was said to have with him on the yacht several trunks and suitcases containing an elaborate wardrobe, \$14,905 in cash and a certified

cases containing an elaborate wardrobe, \$14,905 in cash and a certified
check for \$5,964, payable to the bearer
and drawn on the "Manhattan company
of New York." There were several
endorsements on the check, police said,
the last one being the signature "John
H. Putnam & company." This was the
name of an alleged fraudulent concern
organized by Lyman in New York.
The yacht is said to have been pur-The yacht is said to have been pur

The yacht is said to have been purchased in Tampa last Saturday from two men whose names were given as "Smith" and "Olsen," and who, the police say, recently brought the vessel here from Chicago.

The man arrested is clean shaven, but the police claim that he was seen but the police claim that he was seen the man arrested is clean shaven, but the police claim that he was seen recently in Tampa wearing a small beard like that worn by Lyman. The authorities also say that a man an-swering Lyman's description and beleved to be the one under arrest recently expressed a trunk from Tampa to Jacksonville. The trunk still is un-claimed at Jacksonville, where it was sent addressed to "A Cisco." The man whose name was given as "Olsen" was on the yacht when the

arrest was made today. He told the police he had no idea where the vessel's new owners intended to take her It was said preparations were bein made to load a large amount of pro

BRIDGEPORTD POLICE SEARCHING FOR CRONES

Poison Suspect is Said to Have Work ed Half a Day in a Hotel Kitchen.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 24.-The pa ice are making a general search here onight for a man believed to be Jean Crones, wanted in Chicago for the al-leged poisoning of the soup at a ban-quet at the University Club there on Feb. 10. The railroad station and in-terurban trolley terminals and lines are under police surveillance and de-tectives are making the rounds of tectives are making the rounds of lodging houses and other places, The suspect worked half of today

in the kitchen of a Bridgeport hotel, where preparations were in progress where preparations were in progress for two banquets that were served there this evening. He demanded a dollar for his services and left and the chef of the hotel soon afterward no-tified the police that it was his firm belief that the man was Crones.

Every effort was made to keep the matter secret. The guests at the dinners of the Bridgeport Manufacturers Association and of a fraternal society knew nothing of it and ate in comfort. The manager of the hotel declared these was represented in the content of the second of the second of the hotel declared these was represented in the second of th here was no foundation for the story. hotel detective, in the manager's presence, said there was and that the chef was positive in his iden-tification. A police detective in the lobby refused to comment except that

trouble for letting the story out. NORTHERN PACIFIC NORTH COAST LIMITED HELD UP.

Engine Crew Compelled to Haul Baggage and Mail Cars Into Forest.

Limited train was held up tonight a mile and a half east of Covington, 25 miles east of Seattle. The coving to the Wallach Brothers' store and found Miller utandian coving to the Wallach Brothers' The robbers

fired several shots at him as he ran been diss down the track to give the alarm, but get food. he escaped uninjured. The flagman-ran back to Covington as soon as he learned the robbers' purpose and was

CONDITIONS OF FLOOD

unable to give details of the robbery

IN LOUISIANA TOWNS

Appeals From Towns Not Previously Reported in Distress.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 24.—Reports vastly improved conditions among ellton and St. Joseph were offset tonight by appeals for aid from three
Louisiana towns which reviously
had not been reported in distress, Immediate relief was requested in messages to Governor Hall from Bayout
Cortableau, in St. Landry Parish; Zerena in Catahoula and Lismore, in
Concordia parish.

A second appeal for help also was

dated almost two weeks and that the to book passengers beeple were forced to sacrifice their the postponed date. lives to check and were facing starva-

BRITISH ILES SWEPT

BY SEVERE SNOW STORM Ten Lives Were Lost and Extensive

Damage Done to Shipping.

London, Feb. 25, 3,23 a, m. ives were lost and extensive dan age was done to shipping as a result of ficient point during President Roose-yesterday's snow storm which swept the British Isles. Nine men of the "Just lately," he added, "the departsteamer Carleton were drowned when the vessel sank during the gale off Deal. In Birmingham where eight inches of snow fell, a woman ded in the streets a sa result of intense cold.

Reports from the provinces show nowfells in various parts of England. snowfalls in various parts of England varying from five to ten inches in depth. Only two inches of fell in Lonpose also was felt in the provinces.

Steamer Blown Up | A Third Man in Boston Harbor

INJURED.

CAUSED BY GASOLINE SECTION FOREMAN SAYS

Fleet of Harbor Craft Had Taken Survivors from Cabin Roof-One Man Missing.

Boston, Feb. 24 .- The fishing schooner Mary C. Santos with 23 men aboard, was blown up in the harbor by an ex-plosion of gasolene today. Harry Fisher and Prescott Bent were killed and ten others of the crew were sent to hospitals for treatment. Joseph Lewis was unaccounted for late tonight and is believed to have been drowned. The schooner sank soon af-ter a rescue fleet of tugs and dories had taken from a perch on the cabin roof those of the crew who had es-caped injury.

Men Blown Into the Water. Outward bound for her home port, Provincetown, the schooner had stopped off the fish pier in South Boston to take on a stock of gasolene from an oil barge. Several cans had been taken aboard when the explosion shattered the forward part of the craft, tearing through the galley in which part of the crew were at supper. Some of those seated there were blown through the house into the water, among them

FARMER KILLED IN

the men who were killed.

DISPUTE OVER LOGS Father and Two Sons arrested, Charged With Crime.

Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 24.-In a disarte over the ownership of logs, Al-ert C. Gibson, a farmer of Sharon was killed today. Charles Leighton, who claimed the logs and his sons, Walter and Newell C., were arrested and lodged in jail here tonight, charged with murder.

According to the officers who made the arrests, Gibson said he purchased the logs from John Gibson of Sharon, and went to the wood lot today to haul them away. While he was loading a sled, Leighton and his sons put in an appearance and declaring that the logs belonged to them, ordered Gibson to unload them. His refusal to comply with the demand was followed

by a shot from a rifle held by the elder Leighton, it is alleged.

Gibson fell to the ground with a bulthe officers, he was attacked as he lay there by the Leighton boys, who struck him over the head with sled stakes. Four men whom Gibson had taken along as helpers were present. but it is alleged that when they at-tempted to go to his assistance they were held at bay by Charles Leighton who threatened them with his rifle.

YEAR OLD MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Man Without a Home Broke Shor Window to Get an Overcoat.

New York, Feb. 24.-Charles Miller 4 years old, who said he had no nome, was arrested today, charged nome, was arrested today, charged with burglary in having broken the window of the Wallach Brothers' clothing store at 265 Broadway, with a stone and taken an overcoat. The police said he admitted the crime, leading necessity.

Patrolman Flynn, of the Greenwich store and found Miller standing calm-ly near the broken window putting on

and compelled the engine crew to name the two cars up the truck into a mountain forest.

A short time after the baggage, mall cars and engine disappeared passengular cars and engine disappeared passengular the cars left standing on the said, and was very happy with his card, and three children until, in the A short time after the baggage, man cars and engine disappeared passengers in the cars left standing on the track heard an explosion. It is supposed the robbers dynamited the explosed the robbers dynamited the explose of diphtheria caused the death four of them. Miller said grief track heard an explosion. It is supposed the robbers dynamited the express safe. Automobiles filled with deputy sheriffs were dispatched from Scattle.

When the same short period of six montained death demic of diphtheria caused the death of all four of them. Miller said grief over his loss and the collapse of his business led him to drink habitually excess, and, after his means had

IS UNDERGOING REPAIRS. That is Given as the Cause for Post-

ponement of Sailing.

New York, Feb. 24.-The sailing of he French line steamship Espagne, cheduled to leave here for Bordeaux tomorrow, has been postponed until Monday or Tuesday of next week, acording to announcement made here oday by local officers of the line. All flood victims in the vicinity of New-ellton and St. Joseph were offset to-have been transferred to the Lafay-

ing to prospective passengers in letters that the ship would meet with mishap A second appeal for help also was that the ship would meet with mishap received from Deer Park. The report from German submarines, the officers stated that the land had been inun asserted that the line would continue asserted that the line would continue to book passengers on the Espagne for

GUNNERY ON AMERICAN SHIPS ON DOWN GRADE. Admiral Winslow Does Not Believe Navy is Even Moderately Efficient,

Washington, Feb. 24. -Vinslow told the house naval commitee that gunnery on American ships tarted on the down grade soon after t had been brought to its most ef-

The admiral maintained that houses in the East Side during the last two years. He was sent to Elmira reformatory.

Putter told Judge Mulqueen that he wanted to be a fireman and thought he would make a reputation as a hero in fire rescues before he took his civil service examination.

The admiral maintained that the goston, Feb. 24.—Edwin M. Bacon, a newspaper editor of a general plan under which the general board was created was intended to lead to a general staff. That, he said, was the vital need of the navy; all military functions should be under the direct control of professionally train-pose also was felt in the provinces of naval officers. ed naval officers.

TWO MEN KILLED AND TEN OTH- WITH ENGINEER CURTIS AND

FIREMAN M'GINIS.

Investigation of Milford Wreck Begun by Interstate Commerce Commission and State Public Utilities Commis-

> New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24.-Testinony that extra passenger train No. on the New York, New Haven and 5 on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad ran by, at high speend, a signal set, at "caution" against it Tuesday, just before it had ploughed into the stalled Connecticut River Express in Milford, was given loday at the joint hearing of the interstate commerce commission and the state public utilities commission. One of the witnesses said that this running past signals was "a common occurrence."

A Third Man in Cab. Further testimony was to the effect that a third man was in the engine cab of the extra train with Engineer W. R. Curtiss and Fireman McGinnis,

which is contrary to the rule, Failure of Signal System to Work. Other evidence adduced today was that the signals on the stretch of track involved in the disaster were in good working condition before and after the accident. However, it was testified that there have been complaints of the failure of the signal system to work properly, these averaging about one a week. In most of these cases the signal was set at "danger." In five or six instances, it was testified since the installation of the system, signals have shown what is known as "false

Engineers, signal men ,trainmen and other employes of the company were among the witnesses. Most of their testimony related to the operation of the signal system and the interpreta-tion of the rules governing engineers. Woodmont Signal Set at "Caution." John W. Heath, section foreman at Woodmont, and probably the last man to see Engineer Curtiss and his fire-

man alive, testified that the signal at the Woodmont tower, which was the last before the collision, was set at "caution" against Curtis train. T extra passed at between 45 and miles an hour, he asserted. He w He was about 100 feet from the signal, he said, and could see no slackening of

Saw Three Men in the Cab. "I saw three men in the engine cab" e said, "and gave them the 'glad hake' (waving the hand) as they cent by. I did not recognize any of went by. I did not recognize any them, but this waving is customary, whether we know them or not. One

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FIGHTING AT VERDUN French Have Three Other Lines at ford, was killed by a IS ON THE FIRST LINE

Paris, Feb. 24, 5 p. m .- The Temp its military review estimates that the Germans are employing on the average-ten infantrymen to every three feet of front, where the attack is fiercest north of Verdun—that is, over line eight miles in length between

Brabant and Ornes. The reviewer maintains that the op-erations are not necessarily prelim-inary to an attempt to besiege Verdun. but comprise an attack upon a wide part of the front of which Verdun forms a part of the rear support. The attacks, he déclares, are still held with-in the first line works, while there are three other lines at strategic intervals behind the first. These lines are more solidly constructed and more elaborate in their nature than the first lines, as work on them could be done at lelsure without the workers being within the reach of the German re.

STRIKE OF 30,000 SHIRT MAKERS IN NEW YORK. Want Shorter Hours, Higher Wages

and Abolition of Sub-Contracting.

and members of the shirtmakers, boys' waist and ironers unions, in more than two hundred establishments here struck today for shorter hours, higher wages and the abolition by the manufacturers of the practice of sub-contracting. Union officials declared that in some cases machine operators or sub-contractors as they are called, employ as many as eight and ten workers and pay them whatever they please. In this way, it was said, the manufacturers evade the responsibility of fixing uniform wages and hours for all the workers.

BIG FIRE IN STORAGE PLANT AT PITTSBURGH.

Number of Men Are Reported Missing After \$500,000 Blaze.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Fire swept through the plant of the Union Storage company here today, completely desroving one warehouse and wrecking another with a loss of \$500,000. Twen-ty five men at work in the plant were elieved to have escaped, although a number of men were reported missing arfte the walls of the destroyed buildng collapsed. Pupils in the O'Hara school, a block away, were quickly marched from the

structure when a quantity of oil ond brandy in one of the burning ware-houses exploded. OBITUARY.

Harrison Bristol. New Britain, Conn., Feb. 24.-Harri-

son Bristol, a former resident of Short Beach, died at the home of his daugh-ter, Mrs. W. P. Steele, today. He was 93 years of age and one of this city's oldest residents. For more than 20 oldest residents. For more than 30 years Mr. Bristol spent his winters at Ormond, Fla.

Edwin M. Bacon.

Boston, Feb. 24.-Edwin M. Bacon, a

Condensed Telegrams

The British Embassy at Washington denied the reports of an Indian mutiny in India.

The American Brass Co., of Waterbury has given its employes a further advance of 5 per cent.

Shipping in New York harbor was seriously hampered, and in some cases ied up by a heavy fog.

The International Mill & Lumber Co.'s plant at Bay City, Mich., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$250,000.

Since the beginning of the war, the Allies have captured 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa. Gold coin to the amount of \$100,000 was withdrawn from the New York Sub Treasury for shipment to Mexico.

The American Chamber of Commerc in Berlin will establish on March 1 a new auxiliary kitchen for persons in need.

Pope Benedict is reported to be plan-

ning to publish soon a document con-demning aerial and submarine war-Demanding increased wages, 2,300 employes of the Armour and Cudahy packing houses at Sioux City, Ia.,

went on strike. A 10 per cent. increase in wages has been granted to the station agents and telegraphers of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad.

The bodies of 55 victims of the nowslide in the Salzburg Alps were suried in one great temb at Bischofsen, Salzburg, Germany.

W. E. Cochran, postoffice inspector charge of New York, has asked the hicago police to look out for John

hiladelphia for Manchester, was towed into Queenstown. No one was allowed to board the vessel.

Seriou damage was caused when the Jap steamship Tenyo Maru ran ashore off Shinonoseki, Japan. Part of the cargo has been jettisoned.

Sweden has arranged with England for the importation of more coal, in return for which Sweden will export ertain articles to Great Britain. King Nicholas of Montenegro, who holds the rank of Russian field mar-shal, was offered the command of a

Russian army corps by Czar Nichola: A gas well producing about 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily has been struck on Lesnott Farm near New Castle, Pa., by the Ellwood City Oil & Gas

Vice Admiral Reinhardt Scheer has been appointed commander of the German battle fleet, succeeding Admirthe al von Pohl, who retired because of Ignace Paderewski, pianist and John

Smulski, a Chicago banker, called at the State Department to arrange for the distribution of relief supplies in

a Pennsylvania train near the State Insane Asylum at Strategical Intervals Behind the First. Farmhurst, Md., from where she had scaped.

Lord Robert Cecil, Parlimentary un der secretary for foreign affairs, at-tended a Cabinet meeting for the first time in his capacity as Minister of

Calvin S. Demarest, billiardist re-ported dead at the State Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Ill., is alive and well, according to officials of the in-

United States Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa, filed affidavits with the secretary of State of Iowa as a candidate for President on the Republican ticket.

The White Star liner Canopic arrived at Boston from Mediterranean ports, Madeira and the Azores without naving sighted either a submarine or German raider. Edward Callaghan of Charleroi, Pa.

filed with the Ohio Secretary of State notice of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President, resident Wilson. The French motor ship Quevilly from La Pallice, France, collided with the schooner Marcus L. Urann, at an-

were slightly damaged. A gift of \$1,000 has been donated by the Marquis d'Ornane for distribution among the members of the gun crev that shot down the Zeppelin "L Z 77

chor in New York harbor. Both ships

near Bar e Duc on Monday. The Navy Department and the Department of Justice have begun an investigation into an alleged German secret wireless sation in the White Mountains in New England.

Jason S. Haines, of Trumbull, was placed on trial in the criminal su-perior court at Bridgeport before Judge James Webb, of New Haven charged with murder of his wife.

Federal Judge Meek at Dallas, Tex

ruled that he has no jurisdiction in the suit of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York for the appointment of a reeiver for the Texas & Pacific Rail-Secretary Daniels denied that he has

permitted delay in construction of the United States submarine Schley, the largest undersea boat in the world. contract calls for completion by The name of Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Neb., fromer United States senator from Nebraska, was formally

filed to be placed on the primary bal-lot as candidate for the republiman nomination for vice president. A life saver at a public beach, even

if he does not accept money for his services, is a professional, accord-ing to a ruling of the Chicago A. A. U. yesterday. The decision hit four Chicago tank stars. Roosevelt Party at Barbadoes.

Barbados, B. W. I., Feb. 24.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here today and proceeded to Demarara, British Guinea. They will proceed from Demarara to Trini-

health.

Wilson Strong for Americans' Right

TO TRAVEL ON ARMED MER-CHANT SHIPS OF BELLIGERENTS.

WITH NO ABRIDGEMENT

Places Himself Squarely on Record in Opposition to Acceptance of Policy Central Powers to Sink Armed Merchantmen Without Warning.

Washington, Feb. 24. — President Wilson cannot consent to any abridge-ment of the rights of American citizens in any respect, he asserted in a letter tonight to Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations commit-tee. The president's letter was written at the end of two days of agitation in

congress for action warning Americans off armed merchantmen. Honor and Self-Respect Involved. "The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved," he said. "We nation is involved," he said. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

The president expressed the hope that explanation of the declared intentions of the control." tions of the central European powers to sink all armed merchant ships with-

to sink all armed merchant ships with-out warning would put a different as-pect on a situation which now seemed to present insuperable obstacles. "We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past," he added, "and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future." shall have none in the future."

Letter in Answer to Senator Stone. The letter was in answer to one written late this afternoon by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing at the capitol, where since yesterday morning persistent demands had been made for some action which might lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany. The president's statement will be repeated president's statement will be rep

omorrow morning to Speaker Clark, (Continued on Page Three)

PORTUGUESE SEIZE VESSELS INTERNED AT LISBON.

Hoist Their Flag on 36 Ships of the Central Powers. Lisbon, Feb. 23, via Paris, Feb. 24, 12.40 p. m.—The commander of the naval division here, at four o'clock this

naval division here, at four o'clock this afternoon, apparently of his own initiative, took forcible possession of thirey-six German and Austrian vessels lying in the Tagus river, hoisted the Partuguese-colors on them, and saluted them with a twenty-one-gun salute from the Portuguese fleet.

It is said that the act of Captain Leotte Rego, in seizing the German and Austrian ships interned at Lisbon, was wholly unexpected by the governing authorities, who were unaware of the step until it had been carried out. Captain Rego directed the operation from the destroyer Guadiana.

GERMAN SEA RAIDER IN ATLANTIC LANE Italian Liner Was Given Warning by

Wireless. New York, Feb. 24.-The possibility of a German sea raider being at large in the North Atlantic was suggested when the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi on her arrival today, reported that she bad received a warning from Halifax by wireless telegraphy to be on the lookout for such a vessel. On her last outwood trip the Giuseppe Verdi received a similar warning as she ap-

proached Gibraltar. The message from Halifax, which was received the day before yesterday, gave no details, the officers said, as to the probable location of the raider.

MODIFYING BAY STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ACT. No Names on Ballot Unless Consent of

Such Candidate in Writing. Boston, Feb. 24.-The house agreed with the senate today in passing a bill modifying the presidential primary act so that the names of candidates for the party nominations for president may not appear on the ballot for convention delegates unless the consent of such candidates is obtained in writing.

The bill passed the house after two hours' debate. Opposition to it was based on the claim that it tended to prevent a state-wide expression of opinion as to presidential candidates and that particularly these desired at and that particularly those desiring to vote for republican convention dele-gates pledged to Theodore Roosevelt might have no opportunity of doing so in view of the "written consent"

clause. FAKE RUMOR SENT

PRICE OF WHEAT DOWN. Dropped Seven Cents at Chicago on Report German Ambassador Had Been Handed His Passports.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A rumor, which was denied, but which, while it was current on the board of trade near the lose of the day, sent the price of wheat down seven cents will be inves-

tigated by a committee of the board, it was stated tonight. The rumor was to the effect that the German ambassador had been hand-ed his passports. It began circulat-ing about 15 minutes before the close and denial of its truth came too late to check the decline. It is estimated roughly that bull leaders dumped 6,-000,000 bushels overboard and forced other holders in this and outside

markets to follow suit. SPAIN BUYING CARTRIDGES IN THIS COUNTRY.

Places \$1,500,000 Order With Company at Alton, III.

Alton, Ill., Feb. 24.—Through the resence here of three representatives of the Spanish government, it bacame known today that Spain has placed an known today that Spain has placed an order with the Western Cartridge Co. for 250,000,000 eleven-millimetre cartridges. It is estimated that the order will total \$1,500,000.

The Western Cartridge company recently completed a large order of cartridges for Spain. The new order, it is the company to the plant have the

dad, where they will take a steamer tridrges for Spain. The new order direct to New York. Both are in good is said, will keep the plant busy a year.